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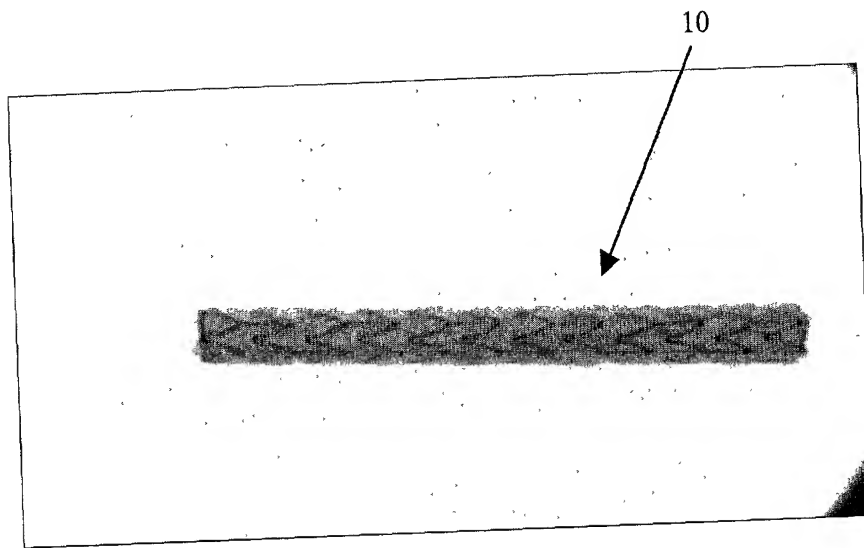
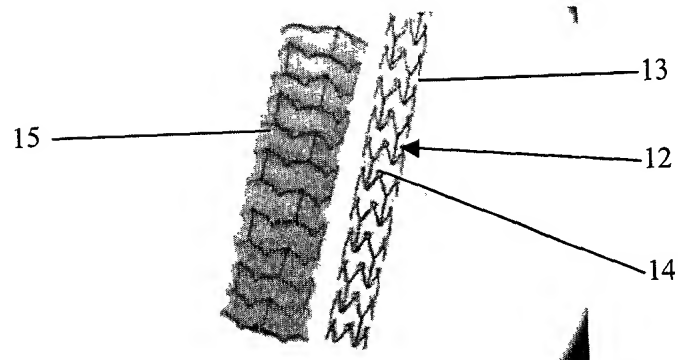
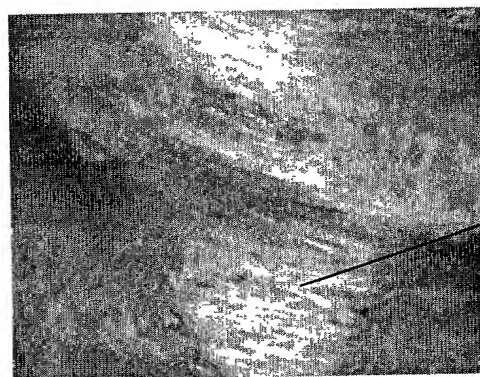
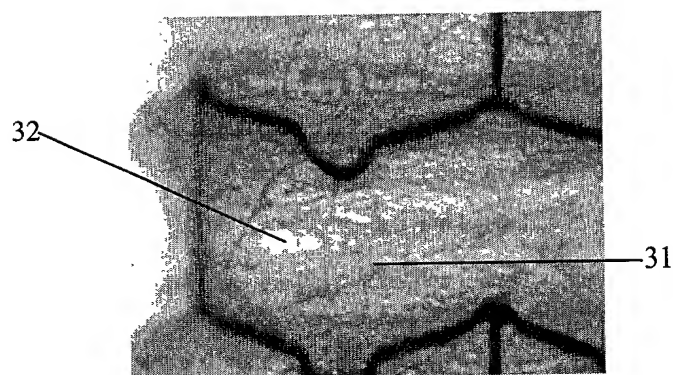


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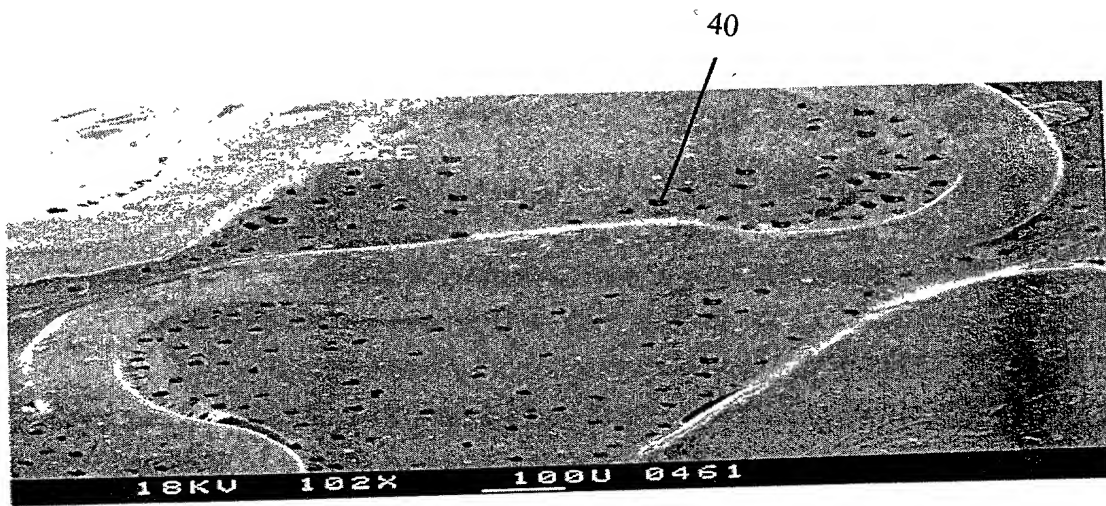




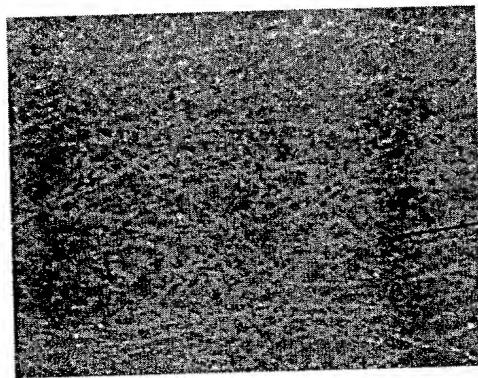
**Fig. 3A**



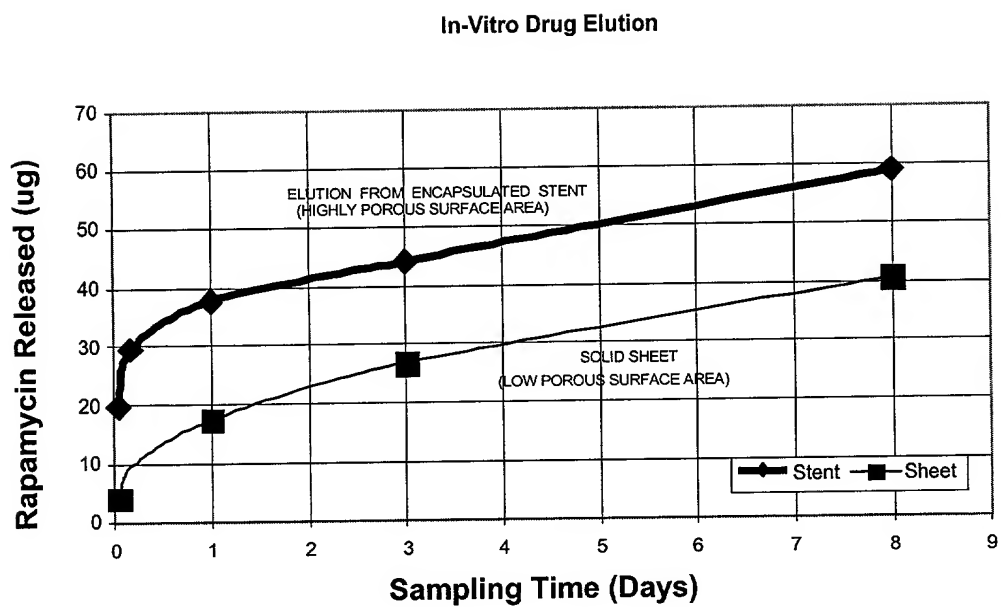
**Fig. 3B**



**Fig. 4** The covered stent's surface shows micropores (~15-25  $\mu\text{m}$ ) in the polymer stretched between the covered struts of the metallic stent.



**Fig. 5**



**Fig. 6** In-Vitro Elution Characteristics of Rapamycin in Serum, measured by HPLC .